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«Dear»:

Enclosed you will find a proposed action for the Ensenada Ecosystem Health Project on the Carson National Forest, El Rito Ranger District. The Ensenada Analysis area is 4,310 acres located on the El Rito Ranger District in Rio Arriba County, NM. Project Location is approximately 5 miles north of the town of Canon Plaza. This project will promote forest ecosystem health in the analysis area by redistributing vegetative structural stage classes, increasing species diversity, reducing risk of stand replacement fire, reducing susceptibility to insect/disease outbreaks, improving meadow and riparian areas, regenerating aspen and providing wood products to local communities.

The proposed action description and other information are available for review at the El Rito Ranger District and Carson website [www.fs.fed.us/r3/carson/plans/index](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/carson/plans/index). If you have any additional, cultural, religious or other concerns about the proposed project information regarding this action can be obtained from: Amy B. Veirs, P.O. Box 56, El Rito, NM 87530, (505) 581-4554, [abveirs@fs.fed.us](mailto:abveirs@fs.fed.us). The purpose of this comment period is to provide an opportunity for the public for early and meaningful participation on a proposed action prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official.

### How to Comment and Timeframe

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the *The Taos News*. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to: **Martin D. Chavez, Carson Forest Supervisor Attn: Ensenada Proposed Action, 208 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM 87571**. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00-4:30 Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone (505) 758-6200 or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments.



Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc) or .pdf to **comments-southwestern-carson@fs.fed.us**.

Comments must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required.

A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic comments.

Sincerely,

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District Ranger, El Rito

Attachment (1-Proposed Action)

